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(CNSNews.com) - Pakistan is one of 13 countries named by the **U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom**
as a place where violence against religious minorities is common and condoned or supported by the Pakistani government.

Some of the documented violence includes rape victims being charged and jailed for adultery, women being murdered for refusing to quit their jobs, and the public beheading of critics of the Taliban and other terrorist extremists.

The year 2009 "has seen the largely unchecked growth in the power and reach of religiously-motivated extremist groups whose members are engaged in violence in Pakistan and abroad, with Pakistani authorities ceding effective control to armed insurgents espousing a radical Islam ideology," the Annual Report 2009 of the
U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom
states.